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SUBJECT: ALBANIAN INTERNAL SCENE AND YUGOSLAV-ALBANIAN RELATIONS

1. BOTH GREEK COUNS AND SWEDISH FIRST SECRETARY, BASED ON SEPARATE BRIEFINGS BY FSFA OFFICIALS WITHIN LAST 7-14 DAYS, CLAIM YUGOSLAVS TOLD THEM THAT GOY EMBASSY IN TIRANA HAD FILED "FIRST HAND REPORTS" OF EXECUTIONS AND LARGE SCALE PURGES AND THAT YUGOSLAVS CONSIDER POLITICAL SITUATION IN ALBANIA "EXTREMELY UNSTABLE". FSFA OFFICIALS DID NOT ELABORATE.

2. ONLY OFFICIAL ATTENTION DEVOTED BY YUGOSLAVS THUS FAR TO VARIOUS REPORTS OF PURGES OF "PRO-CHINESE" OFFICIALS IN ALBANIA WAS PUBLICATION IN SEPT 14 "POLITIKA" OF TANJUG STORY DATED IN ATHENS WHICH SUMMARIZED THEN
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CURRENT GREEK PRESS PLAY ON THE SUBJECT AND CITED A UPI REPORT OUT OF VIENNA AS BASIS OF GREEK ACCOUNTS. TANJUG STORY SAID UPI HAD REPORTED THAT AMONG PERSONS BEING PURGED WERE "ALL THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT THE ISOLATION OF ALBANIA CAN LEAD THE COUNTRY TO CATASTROPHE."
PRINTING OF SECOND OR THIRD-HAND STORY ON SUBJECT OF SUCH CONCERN TO GOY IS UNUSUAL TO SAY THE LEAST AND

LEND CREDENCE, IF NOT TO REPORTS OF SITUATION IN ALBANIA THEMSELVES, AT LEAST TO RUMORS OF GOY'S BEING AMONG ORIGINAL SOURCES OF THOSE REPORTS.

3. GREEK COUNS CLAIMS THAT IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH ALBANIAN AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA LATTER WAS VERY NEGATIVE ON SUBJECT OF YUGOSLAV-ALBANIAN RELATIONS. ALBANIAN IS PURPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT YUGOSLAV-ALBANIAN RELATIONS CAN "NEVER" DEVELOP BEYOND THEIR CURRENT (RELATIVELY MEAGER, FROM GOY STANDPOINT) STATE. OF COURSE ALBANIAN REPUBLICANISM AND WIDE-SCALE DEISTRIBUTION OF THEIR 1963 KRUSCHEV KNEELING BEFORE TITO (ERGO HUA BEFORE TITO) PAMPHLET IS ANOTHER EVIDENCE OF LONG RANGE ALBANIAN ESTIMATE OF INTRACTABILITY OF THEIR PROBLEMS WITH YUGOSLAVIA. THIS VIEW SHARED BY AT LEAST SOME YUGOSLAVS. DEFENSE SECRETARY LJUBICIC TOLD BRITS SOME MONTHS AGO THAT HARDEST NATIONALITY PROBLEM HERE OVER LONGER- TERM WAS IRREDENTISM OF YUGOSLAVIA'S ALBANIANS.

4. EMBASSY SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH FSFA IN ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM GOY VERSION OF EVENTS IN ALBANIA REPORTED PARA 1.

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